

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

AARON STONEROCK,	:	Case No. 3:18-cv-296
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Plaintiff,	:	District Judge Thomas M. Rose
	:	Magistrate Judge Sharon L. Ovington
vs.	:	
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COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL	:	
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

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**DECISION AND ENTRY**

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This case is before the Court on the parties’ Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney’s Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Doc. #12). Specifically, the parties stipulate to an award to Plaintiff of attorney fees in the amount of \$3,858.25, and costs in the amount of \$400.00, in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims Plaintiff may have under the EAJA in the above case. Prior to Plaintiff filing an EAJA petition, the parties jointly reached a resolution to settle EAJA fees in this case. Their Stipulation represents a compromise on disputed positions and is not intended to set precedent for, or a representation of, any specific hourly rate or total number of hours.

The award of attorney fees will satisfy all of Plaintiff’s claims for fees, costs, and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412 in this case. Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff, and not his attorney, can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debt that the litigant owes the United

States under *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 560 U.S. 586 (2010).

After the Court enters this award, if counsel for the parties can verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, Defendant agrees to direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. #12) is accepted and Defendant shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees, costs, and expenses in the total amount of \$4,258.25;
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify, **within thirty days of this Decision and Entry**, whether or not Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset. If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff; and
3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

December 10, 2019

*\*s/Thomas M. Rose*

Thomas M. Rose  
United States District Judge